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In re the Application of
Freidberg et al.

For: **STENT WITH COVER CONNECTORS**

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Dear Sir:

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Please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

INVENTOR'S NAME

Please change the name of the Inventor from "Carlos V. Freidberg" to -
Carlos F. Vonderwalde--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

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C4 48. A stent assembly, comprising:

a. a stent having an expandable tubular body formed of a plurality of ring sections having undulations with a first ring section at one end of the tubular body, a second ring section at another end of the tubular body, at least one additional ring section between the first and the second ring sections and at least one connecting member extending between each ring section and an adjacent ring section; and

b. a stent cover disposed in part about the stent having a first end cover section under undulations of the first ring section of the stent and on the exterior of the